Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In Sweden, the land of long winter nights, families anxiously anticipate the joyous celebration of "Midsommar"; and,

WHEREAS, A festival of ancient Swedish origin, "Midsommar" commemorates the victory of light over darkness and of life over death. In Sweden, the summer solstice, celebrated annually on June 24, meant daylight all night long; and,

WHEREAS, Centuries later, the yearly party continues. All work is stopped, homes are decorated with fresh birch twigs, picnic baskets are packed, and children of all ages dance around a maypole bedecked with flowers; and,

WHEREAS, Midsommar was carried into the New World and the Dalesburg Community of Clay County by the Swedish immigrants settling in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The first Midsommar Picnic in the Dakotas was on June 24, 1869, when a few Swedish families stopped work and gathered for a picnic lunch; and,

WHEREAS, This year marks Dalesburg's 114th annual Midsommar festival. Special guests include 44 craftspersons from the province of Jemtland, Sweden, who will demonstrate birchroot basket weaving, woodcarving, knitting and much more; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone is invited to share in the celebration of this time honored tradition. There will be a smorgasbord, Swedish fiddlers, and a band concert by the Dalesburg Community Band; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakotans are proud of their heritage, and Midsommar in Dalesburg is a perfect example of Old World culture at its finest:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 24, 1983, as

DALESBURG'S MIDSOMMAR DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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